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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Ely District Office has developed a districtwide Cave Management Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA). The Ely District Cave Management Plan provides guidance for cave management and provides for recreation within caves across the Ely District, while ensuring protection of resources. This Plan establishes direction for long-term management, planning, and oversight of the cave resources (e.g., cultural, biological, hydrological, or geological). It also identifies specific management actions for recreational use, scientific research, and management of resources found within caves.

Comments will be accepted for 30 days until November 16, 2015. The Ely District Cave Management Plan/EA (DOI-BLM-NV-L000-2015-0001-EA) can be found online at <http://1.usa.gov/1KaH1uG>. Interested individuals may mail written comments to the BLM Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301 Attn: Rebecca Urbanczyk, Cave Management Specialist. Comments need to be received (mailed, faxed to (775) 289-1910, emailed, or NEPA Register comments) no later than November 16, 2015.

Some of the topics discussed in the Ely District Cave Management Plan/EA include:

- Cave Inventory
- Surface Cave Management
- Resource Monitoring
- Visitor Use Management
- Safety
- Interpretation and Education
- Restoration
- Partnerships and Volunteers
- White-Nose Syndrome
- Special Designations

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Urbanczyk, Cave Management Specialist, at (775) 289-1808 or at [rurbanczyk@blm.gov](mailto:rurbanczyk@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

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